



Louisville Metro VITA Campaign 2008 OVERVIEW

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Campaign in the Louisville Metro area continues to draw people who wish to save money yet receive help on state and federal tax returns. During the 2008 tax season, the VITA program was expanded to include sites in Oldham and Shelby counties. By Campaign end, **6,849** people had filed returns through the VITA program. Of those, approximately **6,700** people used VITA sites within Louisville Metro (ie Louisville/Jefferson County) and **6,400** were residents of Louisville Metro. The median adjusted gross income was approximately **\$15,000** among Louisville area residents, although some incomes were over **\$190,000**. The average total refund was **\$1,1518** and the average Earned Income Credit slightly over **\$1,369**.

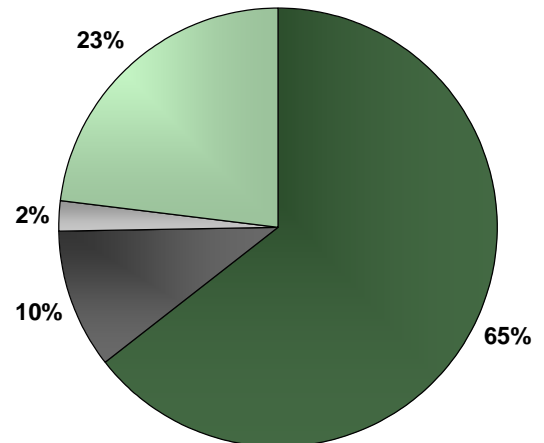
Louisville Metro VITA Campaign 2008	
	Mean
Total Refund amount	\$ 1,518
Earned Income Credit	\$ 1,370
Median Adjusted Gross Income	\$ 14,854

Collectively, tax refunds filed by Louisville Metro residents through the VITA campaign added over **\$7,574,393** to the local economy, including **\$3,545,142** in Earned Income Credit to residents.

Louisville Metro Total and EITC Refunds	
Total Refund	\$7,574,393
Earned Income Credit	\$3,545,142

VITA Sites Where Louisville Metro Residents Filed in 2008	
Total Filers	6,712
Portland Promise Center	1,943
Louisville Urban League	1,160
Metro United Way Southwest-St. Clement	740
Wesley House Community Svcs.	702
Presbyterian Community Center	676
Office of Employment & Training	648
Americana Community Center	403
Louisville Central Community Ctr.	164
New Directions-O'Connor	148
Canaan Community Dev. Ctr.	88
Center for Accessible Living	40

Filing Status of Louisville Metro Residents Who Used VITA Sites in 2008



The majority (**46%**) of Louisville Metro residents used VITA sites at the Portland Promise Center (**1,943**) and Louisville Urban League (**1,160**). Other high volume sights included Metro United Way Southwest (**740**), Wesley House Community Center (**702**), Presbyterian Community Center (**676**), Office of Employment (**648**) and the Americana Community Center (**403**).

■ Single ■ Married-joint ■ Married-separate ■ Head of Household

Singles were more likely to use the services offered at VITA sites (**64%**) than married couples (**12%**) or other heads of households (**23%**).



Louisville Metro Jefferson County

Number of tax filers from the Louisville Metro area who used VITA sites in 2008:

6,849 The total number of 2008 VITA site participants.

- **6,712** The number of people who filed at VITA sites in Louisville Metro.
- **6,451** The number of Louisville Metro residents who filed at VITA sites.

2. Total Refund to community through the VITA campaign:

\$7,574,393

3. Total Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refund to the community through the VITA campaign:

\$3,545,142

4. Profile of residents who filed at VITA sites:

- 4,322** Single
- 1,553** Heads of Household
- 690** Married -- Filing Jointly
- 146** Married – Filing Separate

5. VITA Sites most often used by Louisville Metro residents

- **Portland Promise Center** 1,943
- **Louisville Urban League** 1,160
- **Metro United Way Southwest** 740
- **Wesley House Comm Services** 702
- **Presbyterian Community Center** 676
- **Office of Employment** 648
- **Americana Community Center** 403